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Status of Construction Work on the Oranienburg-Zehlendorf Long-Wave Transmitter

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2. On 9 March, no workers were seen near the mast and the transmitting station. Some 20 construction workers were seen at the 3 new buildings in the southeast corner of the installation. The workers were presumably engaged in finishing the interior of the buildings. The temporary huts at the construction site appeared to be vacant.
3. On 8 April, the transmitting station some 300 meters west of the Zehlendorf-Schmachtenhagen road appeared to have been completed. The top of some iron construction was seen behind the building. A concrete block surrounded by 6 slanting concrete blocks of 1.5 x 1.5 meters with iron straps, was seen some 100 meters north of the transmitting station and 50 meters west of the road. Two sections of a lattice mast, each about 4 meters long, were seen nearby. A considerable number of cable reels with strong cables were stored between the concrete blocks and the main building.
4. Some of the buildings on the entrance road in the southeast section were occupied. The road was being paved. Intensive construction activity was observed in the entire area. The area was guarded by 150 sentries who wore blue uniforms; some of the sentries were accompanied by dogs. Additional sentries were to be recruited in the neighboring villages. According to the sentries, the area of the transmitting station included 100 - 150 ha which had been confiscated in 1954. Part of the area was still being cultivated.

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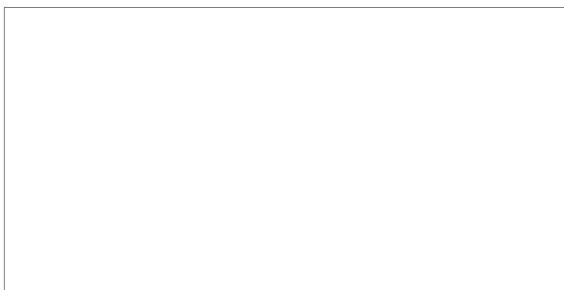


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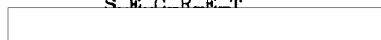
Sketch of Transmitting Station under Construction at Oranienburg/Zehlendorf

1. Large building, 50 x 50 meters, some 15 meters high, with large windows, presumably transmitting room
2. Transmitter mast under construction
3. Two new concrete foundations, presumably for rigging
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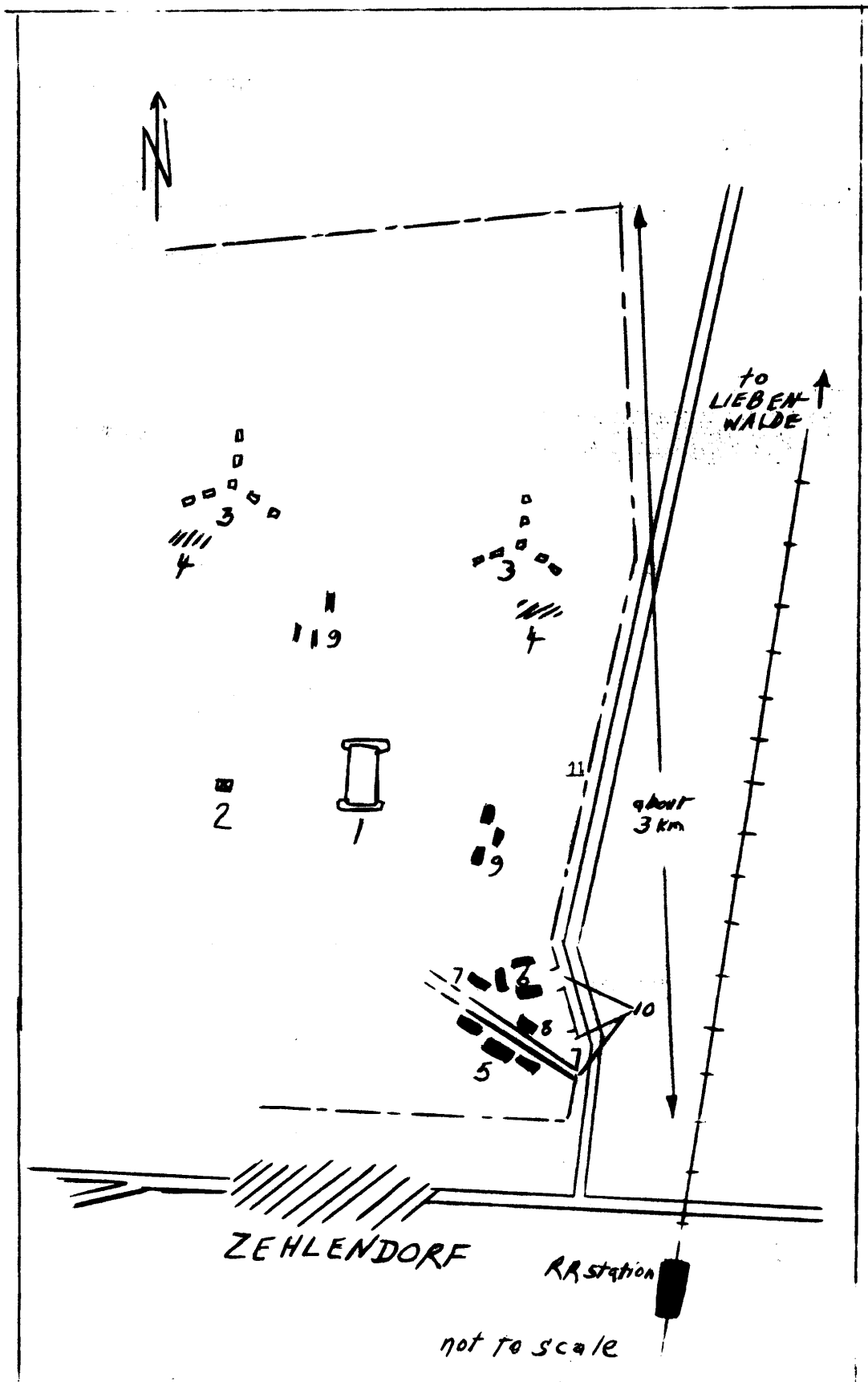
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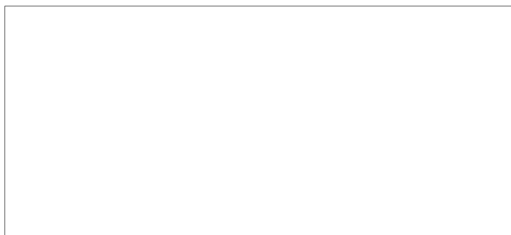
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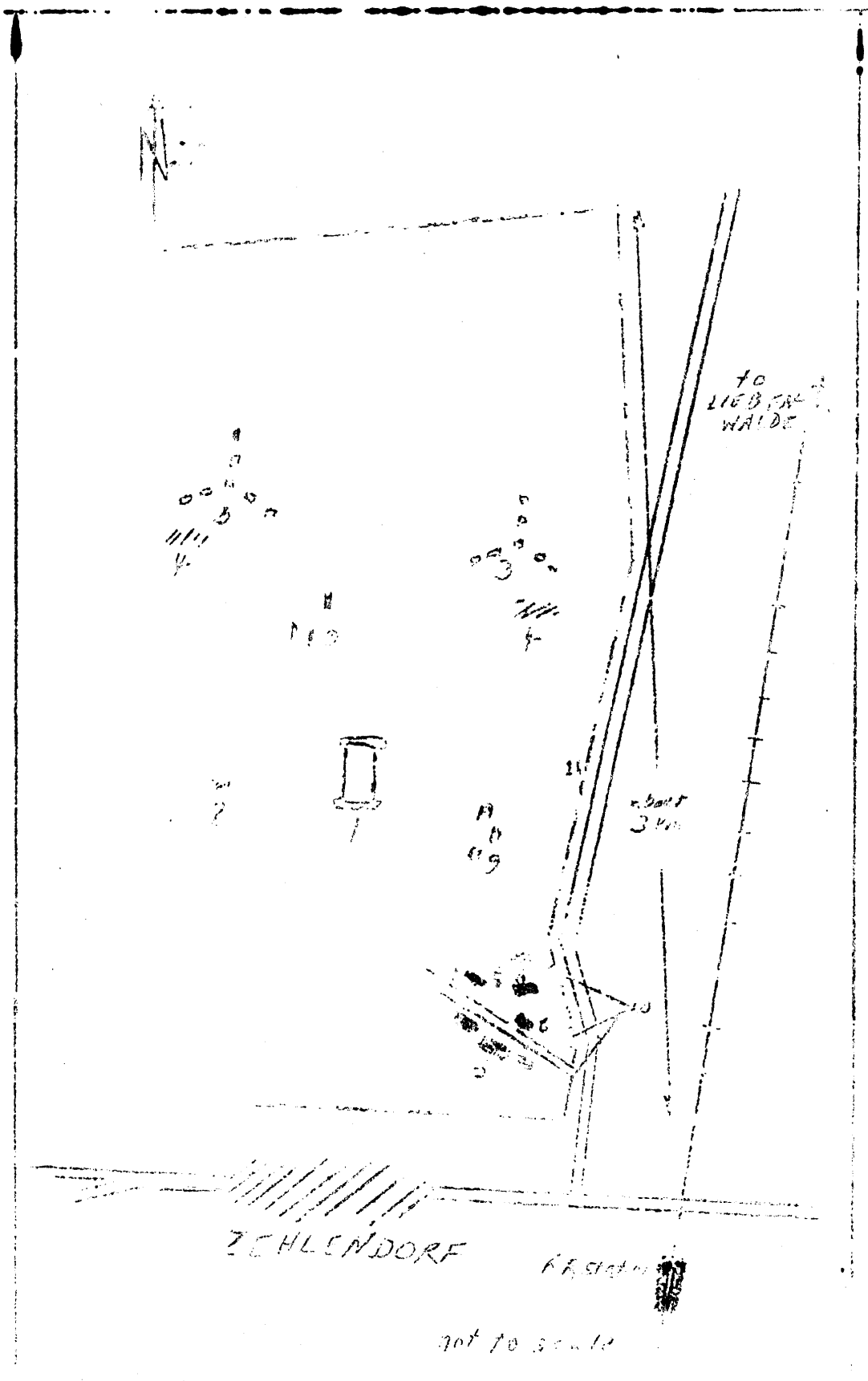


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